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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 29 as follows:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

An object of the invention is to facilitate access-point-dependently rating telecommunication links in a simpler, more flexible and, at least in the long run, more reliable manner.

Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 4, line 1 as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows a schematic representation of a portion of a mobile network and a portion of a nonmobile network,

FIG. 2 shows a table having connecting data, and

FIG. 3 shows a representation of the architecture of a system for implementing the invention[[]], and

FIG. 4 shows the method according to the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 6 as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The method for access-point dependent calculation of telecommunication rates by way of a specific network will now be

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described in connection with FIG. 4. The method includes generating connecting data in response to obtaining and using, by a subscriber or a group of subscribers, telecommunication links (3-10), which connecting data each time contains data that identifies a network-access point (11-18, 48) used by a subscriber (Step 52). During a specific period of time, connecting data is stored in a connecting-data file (30) (Step 54). As a function of data on access points (11-18, 48) used by a subscriber or group of subscribers in the period of time, the access points to which rates determined for the subscriber or group of subscribers are coupled are determined (Step 56). During the determination as a function of data on access points used in the period of time, the greatest aggregated use of two or more adjacent ones of the access points by the subscriber or group of subscribers is determined (Step 58). The method of the present invention will be described in greater detail in connection with the apparatus described below in connection with FIG. 1.